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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$200,000 Dollars.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELIMOS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq. J. F. CORDON, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. A. MOLYNEUX, Esq.

## ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

## INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits:— For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last. MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton. SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

MR. LUDWIG SIGMUND LUTKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration. W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junr., is authorized to sign our Firm. W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. J. O. KRUSE ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KUNZMANN. Mr. RICHARD SCHÖNBERGER has been authorized to sign the Firm. KRUSE & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. H. C. ESMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HENRI has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration. CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe3

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned. WM. CRICKESHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLER & Co. H. KLER. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of G. RAYNAL & Co. at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. GUSTAV RAYNAL, CARL MILISCH. Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VINCENZO DE CECAL in our Firm ceased on the 1st April 1876. A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Macao, January 1, 1877. fe3

I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT. O. KEES. Canton, January 9, 1877. fe9

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALFRED HUTCHISON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876. DEACON & Co. Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only. C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE. Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BENJAMIN QUELOH in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & Co. QUELOH & CAMPBELL. Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHRS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of J. D. MEYER & Co. Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Swatow and Hoikow, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co." EDWARD HERTON. Swatow-Hoikow, January 1, 1877. fe19

## Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'Clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LAM, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 55, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe16

## MacEWEEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

## ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

## POMMERY & GRENOS

## "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [apb]

## HONGKONG.

## Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tf.

## W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAVA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

## NOTICE.

ON and after the 15th of January, my Charge for Brokerage on all SHARES, will be HALF PER CENT on the Full Amount, to be Paid by the Seller only. W. M. MORGAN, Broker. Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fe18

## MACAO HOTEL,

PRAVA GRANDE, MACAO.

ON the 20th Instant a First Class HOTEL will be OPENED, under the above title, in spacious, commodious, and well-furnished Premises on the Prava Grande.

Every attention will be paid to the comfort of Visitors. Wines, Spirits and Establishments of the best quality only supplied. Terms moderate. J. P. DE CAMPOS, Proprietor. Macao, January 8, 1877.

## Intimations.

## THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 26, 1876. ap28

## AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from C. D. V. size to life size and coloured in oil. A new apparatus for Photography has been received from England; he is prepared to take Photos. of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul, G. BOULOUE, Vice-Consul. Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

## TUBORG'S FABRIKKER DANISH BEER.

TO BE HAD FROM LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 15, 1877. fe18

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### FOR SAIGON.

The French Steamer "JEANCOIS J." Captain LEONARDE, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON, Praya, No. 57. Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

#### FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "EMERALDA" will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON. Hongkong, January 27, 1877.

#### FOR COCKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "ROMBERG" will be despatched as above, from SINGAPORE, on or about the 4th February next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 15, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The British Steamer "BENARTY," shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, January 24, 1877.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 American Barque "ANTIOCH," THOMAS MERRILL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1877. fe3

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Clipper Barque "UNANIMA," OALF, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and meet with early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1877. fe5

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Bark "CHELON," KELLY, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fe18

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship "SUMATRA," Captain CLOUGH, will load here or at the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe19

#### FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient inducement offers.) The 3/4 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship "ANADIS," WERLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "CUTWATER," CREELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

#### FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

#### FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Schooner "NUEVO CONSTANCE," URBARTE, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

## Notices to Consignees.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Indus," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 28th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 31st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, January 24, 1877. fe31

## Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN BARK BERTHA, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. WIELER & Co. Hongkong, January 26, 1877.

FROM BUSHIRE, BANDER, ABBAS AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Gunga, Captain A. GANDRAU, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

H. A. ASGAR & H. ESMAIL. Hongkong, January 24, 1877.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH & CANTON. MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE,

&c., &c., &c. And, ONE BILLIARD TABLE, WITH BALLS, CUES, &c., COMPLETE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 30th day of January, 1877, at 2 p.m., at their Residence, Caine Road,—

The whole of their Substantial Household FURNITURE, Etc., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Marble-top Tables, Sofas, Easy Chairs, Chairs, Pier Glasses, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, Side-Board, Whatnots, Marble-mounted Clocks, Davenport, Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, Crockery, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 29th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1877. ja30

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

### WEDNESDAY,

the 31st January, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY NAVAL and VICTUAL-LING STORES, comprising: Old Iron, Lignum-vite, Woollen Rags, Old Carpets, Offal Wood, Old Casks and Cases, Biscuit and Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Flour, Biscuit Bags, Blue Cloth, Blue Serge, Stockings, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Implements, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All



## Intimations.

**AH YON,**  
**SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,**  
No. 57, Praya Wen.  
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS, & OILMAN'S STORES.  
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

P. F. DA SILVA,  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,  
TAKAO AND TAIWANTOO. [fe22]

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANTOO.  
The Steamship  
"HAILONG,"

Captain Abbott, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe1]

FOR SAIGON.  
The Steamship  
"GUNGA,"

Captain A. GABEAU, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 5th February, at 5 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AH YON,  
No. 57, Praya.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe5]

FOR LONDON (DIRECT.)  
(If sufficient Inducement offers.)  
The 3/3 L. 1.1 German Bark  
"HANSA,"

DENCKEN, Master, will load here, and have immediate despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877.

NOTICE.  
THE Office of the IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE has this Day been REMOVED to FERRAR'S HILL.

By Order,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe12]

NOTICE.  
THE Office of the IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE has this Day been REMOVED to FERRAR'S HILL.

By Order,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe12]

NOTICE.  
A COPY of the JURY List for 1877 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection; Notice of any Inaccuracy, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Acting Registrar on or before TUESDAY, the Thirtieth day of February, 1877, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

F. S. RUFFAM,  
Acting Registrar.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe12]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [me2]

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Vespa, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.  
—Mellers & Co.  
BRIDGETOWN, British barque, Captain E. W. Orlop.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
Frying Cloud, British barque, Captain E. Williams.—Turner & Co.  
IBENE, German schooner, Captain O. Hansen.—Carlowitz & Co.  
HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain G. W. Cochran.—Meyer & Co.  
ORION, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.  
STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Laflaire & Co.  
NEMESIS, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
BORRTO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wessenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
Jan. 28, *Honito*, German barque, 824, J. F. Wessenberg, Bangkok Dec. 1, Rice.—Siemssen & Co.  
Jan. 28, *Cap Horn*, German barque, 401, Matzen, Tablas Island Jan. 20, Timber.—Wm. Pusey & Co.  
Jan. 28, *Peters*, British barque, 750, Miller, Kobe Jan. 17, Ballast.—Gizman & Co.  
Jan. 28, *Vesta*, German barque, 1725, Wessenberg.

DEPARTURES.  
Jan. 28, *Fortune*, for Bangkok.  
28, *Yangtze*, for Canton.  
28, *Colombo*, for Saigon.  
28, *Ching go*, for Orissa.  
28, *Peng-chau-hai*, for Canton.  
28, *San Lorenzo*, for Manila.  
28, *Yang Woo*, Chinese Man-of-war, for Foochow.  
28, *Pau Tah*, Chinese g.-boat, from Canton.

DEPARTED.  
*Charist*, for Manila.  
*William Phillips*, for Singapore.  
*Augusta* (Brit. coh.), for Rientain.  
*Yesso*, for Coast Ports.  
*Stentor*, for Shanghai via Amoy.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per *Stentor*, from Liverpool, &c., Mrs. and Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Redman and Son, for San Francisco; 504 Chinese.  
Per *Hailong*, from Amoy, &c., Mr. Holland, and 28 Chinese.  
Per *Khiva*, from Shanghai, His Excellency C. A. Schachoff, Messrs H. Antell, T. Coates, J. Penford, P. O. Taylor, and 38 Chinese.  
Per *Foochow*, from Ningpo's Chinese.  
Per *Alphing-on* from Haiphong, 8 Chinese.  
Per *Norma*, from Swatow, 100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.  
Per *Pau Tah*, for Shanghai, 8 Europeans, and 80 Chinese.  
To DEPART.  
Per *William Phillips*, for Singapore, 4 Europeans and 80 Chinese.  
Per *Yesso*, for Coast Ports, 4 Europeans, and 160 Chinese.  
Per *Stentor*, for Shanghai via Amoy, 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The German barque *Bonito* reports: In the Gulf light variable winds. In the Java Sea, Pitt's Pass, and Gilolo Pass had fresh breezes, thence light variable winds and fine weather. On the 7th January, spoke a British barque showing N.E.P.R., from Siam to Shanghai, 40 days out.  
The German barque *Cap Horn* reports: Light variable winds and calm to Cape Bolina, thence to port very strong N.E. winds.  
The British barque *Alphing-on* reports: Strong monsoon and high confused sea the whole passage.  
The British steamer *Norma* reports: Fresh N.E. winds and fine weather.  
The British steamer *Stentor* reports: Strong N.E. winds and high sea from Singapore to arrival.  
The British steamer *Foochow* reports: Strong monsoon with dull cloudy weather.  
The British steamer *Hailong* reports: Taiwanfoo to Amoy strong monsoon and high sea, Amoy to Swatow strong breeze and cloudy weather, thence to port moderate monsoon and cloudy. In Taiwanfoo—*Str. Leonor*. In Amoy—*H. M. S. Growler*, U. S. *Kearys*, Chinese gunboats *Ling Fung* and *hento*. In Swatow—*Str. Norma* and *Betepona*, and Chinese gunboat *Chen-to*. S. S. *Douglas* left Amoy bound North on 26th Jan.  
The P. & O. S. S. *Khiva* reports: Left Shanghai at 8 a.m. on the 26th January. Experienced moderate monsoon and cloudy weather to Lamook Islands thence to Hongkong light N.W. breeze and fine weather with an E.S.E. swell. H. M. S. *Thistle* left Shanghai in company, destination unknown.

CARGO.  
Per S. S. *Altona*, from Hongkong to London, 24th Jan., 1877—22,000 pounds Sugar, 15 bales Waste Silk, 370 bales Hides, 383 bags Galangal, 100 cases Star Antiseed, and 80 cases Essential Oils.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.  
MAILS will close:—  
For SWATOW & AMOY, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For AMOY AND SHANGHAI, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For BANGKOK, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For RAJANATHIANUR, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.

THE S. S. *GABLO*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States and London, which will be closed as follows:—  
2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.  
2.50 p.m. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until  
2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.  
Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe1]

## ARRIVALS.

Jan. 28, *Pau Tah*, Chinese steamer, from Canton.  
Jan. 28, *Alphington*, British barque, 823, Cunningham, Haiphong Jan. 11, General.—WILLER & Co.  
Jan. 28, *Norma*, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow Jan. 27, General.—KWOK ACHONG.  
Jan. 28, *Hailong*, British steamer, 277, J. C. Abbott, Tamsui Jan. 24, Taiwanfoo 25, Amoy 26, and Swatow 27, General.—DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & Co.

Jan. 28, *Stentor*, British steamer, 1304, M. R. White, Liverpool Dec. 6, via Ports of Call and Singapore Jan. 21, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Jan. 28, *Foochow*, British steamer, 558, J. Thomas, Ningpo Jan. 26, Cotton.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jan. 29, *Peng-chau-hai*, Chinese g.-boat, from Canton.  
Jan. 29, *Khiva*, British steamer, 2600, Geo. Lee, Shanghai Jan. 26, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 28, *Fortune*, for Bangkok.  
28, *Yangtze*, for Canton.  
28, *Colombo*, for Saigon.  
28, *Ching go*, for Orissa.  
28, *Peng-chau-hai*, for Canton.  
28, *San Lorenzo*, for Manila.  
28, *Yang Woo*, Chinese Man-of-war, for Foochow.  
28, *Pau Tah*, Chinese g.-boat, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

*Charist*, for Manila.  
*William Phillips*, for Singapore.  
*Augusta* (Brit. coh.), for Rientain.  
*Yesso*, for Coast Ports.  
*Stentor*, for Shanghai via Amoy.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per *Stentor*, from Liverpool, &c., Mrs. and Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Redman and Son, for San Francisco; 504 Chinese.  
Per *Hailong*, from Amoy, &c., Mr. Holland, and 28 Chinese.  
Per *Khiva*, from Shanghai, His Excellency C. A. Schachoff, Messrs H. Antell, T. Coates, J. Penford, P. O. Taylor, and 38 Chinese.  
Per *Foochow*, from Ningpo's Chinese.  
Per *Alphing-on* from Haiphong, 8 Chinese.  
Per *Norma*, from Swatow, 100 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Pau Tah*, for Shanghai, 8 Europeans, and 80 Chinese.  
To DEPART.  
Per *William Phillips*, for Singapore, 4 Europeans and 80 Chinese.  
Per *Yesso*, for Coast Ports, 4 Europeans, and 160 Chinese.  
Per *Stentor*, for Shanghai via Amoy, 200 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Bonito* reports: In the Gulf light variable winds. In the Java Sea, Pitt's Pass, and Gilolo Pass had fresh breezes, thence light variable winds and fine weather. On the 7th January, spoke a British barque showing N.E.P.R., from Siam to Shanghai, 40 days out.  
The German barque *Cap Horn* reports: Light variable winds and calm to Cape Bolina, thence to port very strong N.E. winds.  
The British barque *Alphing-on* reports: Strong monsoon and high confused sea the whole passage.  
The British steamer *Norma* reports: Fresh N.E. winds and fine weather.  
The British steamer *Stentor* reports: Strong N.E. winds and high sea from Singapore to arrival.  
The British steamer *Foochow* reports: Strong monsoon with dull cloudy weather.  
The British steamer *Hailong* reports: Taiwanfoo to Amoy strong monsoon and high sea, Amoy to Swatow strong breeze and cloudy weather, thence to port moderate monsoon and cloudy. In Taiwanfoo—*Str. Leonor*. In Amoy—*H. M. S. Growler*, U. S. *Kearys*, Chinese gunboats *Ling Fung* and *hento*. In Swatow—*Str. Norma* and *Betepona*, and Chinese gunboat *Chen-to*. S. S. *Douglas* left Amoy bound North on 26th Jan.  
The P. & O. S. S. *Khiva* reports: Left Shanghai at 8 a.m. on the 26th January. Experienced moderate monsoon and cloudy weather to Lamook Islands thence to Hongkong light N.W. breeze and fine weather with an E.S.E. swell. H. M. S. *Thistle* left Shanghai in company, destination unknown.

## CARGO.

Per S. S. *Altona*, from Hongkong to London, 24th Jan., 1877—22,000 pounds Sugar, 15 bales Waste Silk, 370 bales Hides, 383 bags Galangal, 100 cases Star Antiseed, and 80 cases Essential Oils.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—  
For SWATOW & AMOY, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For AMOY AND SHANGHAI, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For BANGKOK, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.  
For RAJANATHIANUR, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.

## THE S. S. GABLO.

will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States and London, which will be closed as follows:—  
2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.  
2.50 p.m. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until  
2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.  
Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. [fe1]

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—  
For SWATOW, at 7.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 31st inst.  
For HAIPHONG, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 31st inst.  
For SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—  
The English Contract Packet *KHIVA*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 1st February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, 31st inst.:  
5 a.m. Money Order Office closes.  
5 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st inst.:  
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.  
10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.  
10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted with to Postage till 11 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, &c., or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till 11.50 a.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. [fe1]

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—  
The French Contract Packet *AFRICA*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Marseilles*; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallo, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, February 7:—  
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, February 8:—  
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.  
10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.  
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, &c., or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till 11.30 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, January 23, 1877. [fe5]

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURE.

June 9, *Aurora*, from Richmond, U. S. to Hongkong.  
Sept. 8, *McNear*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Sept. 14, *Tyburnia*, from London to Hongkong.  
Sept. 16, *Sarah Nicholson*, from London to Hongkong.  
Sept. 16, *Western Belle*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Sept. 17, *Palatine*, from London to Hongkong.  
Sept. 18, *A. T. Stalknecht*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Sept. 23, *Agnes Muir*, from London to Hongkong.  
Oct. 3, *Bells of Oregon*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Oct. 5, *Vega*, from Hamburg to Chetoo.  
Oct. 8, *Glamorganshire*, from London to Hongkong.  
Oct. 12, *Omba*, from London to Shanghai.  
Oct. 14, *Sir Harry Parkes*, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 12, *Lima*, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 13, *Rurik*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, *Hydra*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 18, *Benary* (str.), from Glasgow to China and Japan, via London.  
Nov. 17, *Eliza Shaw*, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 21, *America*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, *Western Chief*, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, *Madura*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, *Hannah Law*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, *New Era*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 4, *Bendish*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 7, *Galley of Lorne* (str.), from London to China and Japan.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.  
At London.—*Steamers* via Suez Canal.  
Barkley, Gadsbills, Cairnmuir, Macgregor, Cyrenus.

Sailing Vessels.  
Caricks, Chinkman, Hope, Antwerp.  
At Liverpool.  
Patricius (str.), Ulysses (str.).  
At Glasgow.  
Leandrus (str.).

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31:—  
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store. Goods per *Amazon* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.  
THURSDAY, February 1:—  
Daylight.—*Hailong* leaves for Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui and Taiwanfoo.  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

FRIDAY, February 2:—  
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, February 3:—  
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 34, Hollywood Road.  
Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 16th February, inclusive.

MONDAY, February 5:—  
8 p.m.—*Gunga* leaves for Saigon.

TUESDAY, February 6:—  
Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 20th February, inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 10:—  
Glenroy leaves for London on or about this date.

THURSDAY, February 15:—  
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, February 16:—  
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.  
Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 2nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, February 19:—  
9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Performance at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 20:—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

FRIDAY, March 2:—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.  
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at the residence of Messrs Heard & Co., Calne Road.

Shipping.  
4 p.m.—*François I.* leaves for Saigon on or about this date.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commences at 8.00 a.m.

BIRTHS.  
At Shanghai, on the 20th January, the wife of F. W. Gales, of a daughter.  
At Hankow, on the 18th January, the wife of W. Pugh, of a daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 29, 1877.

We are sure that everyone in the Colony was glad to learn from the short article we published on Saturday that the reconstruction and widening of a portion of the Praya, and the repair of the remainder, was to be commenced without delay, or to be more explicit, within a few weeks. The work, involving as they will an expenditure of over \$200,000, will undoubtedly form one of the most important public undertakings that have been carried out in Hongkong for many years, and the commencement of them on the eve of the departure from the Island of Sir Arthur Kennedy will be a notable and fitting termination to the many *outrages de utilité* performed in the Colony under His Excellency's auspices. Since Saturday we have been placed in possession of some additional information on the subject, and as the greatest interest is naturally felt in the execution of the scheme, we cannot do better than lay the details of the work to be carried out, and the method by which the necessary expenditure will be defrayed, clearly and fully before our readers, even at the expense of a little repetition.

The present sea-wall from the Gas Works to White's Lane near the Captain's

Fire Brigade Station will be repaired, and, where necessary, rebuilt, at an estimated cost of \$55,000. From White's Lane to Government Wharf the Praya will be wholly rebuilt. This is the portion which invariably suffers most during typhoons, and it has never yet been built sufficiently strong to withstand the terrible effect of these severe storms. The work here is to be undertaken, as recommended by the Praya Commission, "with the full intention of its being, so far as professional skill, experience, and foresight, can provide, a final work." The cost is estimated at \$105,400. The width of the Praya is also to be increased along this portion, so as to allow of a roadway of 60 instead of 50 feet, the estimated cost of this improvement being \$12,500. Praya East is also to be repaired, but as it is not exposed to the worst effects of the typhoons or other storms, the repairs, and where necessary, rebuildings, will be done in the same style and degree of stability as those from the Gas Works to White's Lane. The cost is estimated at \$20,000. The sums required for executing the whole of these works, pier not being included, are estimated as follows:—  
Rebuilding Sea-wall from Gas Works to White's Lane, \$55,000  
Rebuilding Sea-wall from White's Lane to Government Wharf, \$105,400  
Increasing width of Praya Central, \$12,500  
Repairs to Praya East, \$20,000  
Contingencies, \$19,100  
Total, \$212,000.

The Home Government, after a long and tiresome delay, has sanctioned the borrowing of this money, at interest, from the Special Fund, and the debt will be paid off by means of a Sinking Fund created by annual instalments from the ordinary revenue of the Colony. It is calculated that instalments at the rate of \$15,000 per annum will allow of the debt being cleared off in fifteen years. If the expenditure is met in this way, the present generation of residents will not be called upon to pay more than their fair share of the cost. In regard to the repayment of the money to the Special Fund, we only hope that something will arise to prevent it, especially if that something takes the shape of a communication from the Home Government after a reconsideration, on their part, of the matter. As we observed on Saturday it is simply absurd that a portion of the Special Fund cannot be absolutely appropriated for carrying out a scheme of this kind—a scheme in the execution of which the Chinese here will be benefitted as much as the Europeans, and, perhaps, ultimately to even a greater extent.

Some enquiries have been made as to the manner in which private piers will be dealt with in carrying out the scheme, and what is to be done in regard to the proposed extension of the Praya along the front of the Naval Yard. Should any questions arise in regard to the former subject, they will have to be settled by private arrangement; but it seems to us that as the widening of the Praya will only interfere with the shore end of the piers, many difficulties are not likely to arise upon this matter.

With respect to the extension of the Praya in front of the Naval Yard, that scheme will not be proceeded with at present. The cost of carrying it out would, it is estimated, reach the formidable sum of \$150,000, and in view of the depressed state of trade in the East, the execution of the work was not recommended even by the Praya Commission, unless, indeed, the Home Government was willing to contribute towards the cost, which the Home Government does not appear inclined to do. The Commission did not think the extension of the Praya along the part indicated would raise the value of property in the East of the town, or resuscitate trade there sufficiently to justify the expenditure that would be necessitated by the proposed works, and the Colony was not in a position to spend the sum required for the mere sake of beautifying the place and affording greater facilities for the communication between the two ends of the town. We have no inclination to find fault with the decision arrived at. Let us at all events get through with the great and expensive but necessary improvements more immediately *en route*, before undertaking the beautifying and comparatively unnecessary ones.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MANY of our readers will be glad to learn that Sir Brooks Robertson is steadily improving in health, and that he is expected soon to be entirely out of danger.

The steamer *China* arrived at Shanghai on the 28th, the *Glenroy* on the 27th, and the *Achilles* and *Amoy* on the 26th January. The *Ningpo* left Shanghai for this port on the 27th inst.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 97.0, the minimum 52.0; at the Harbour-Master's Office, the maximum was 75.0, and the minimum 53.5. No rain fell during the week.

A VOY of an Order of the Queen in Council, providing for the apprehension of deserters from merchant ships belonging to the kingdom of Hawaii, under the "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," is published in the *Gazette* of Saturday.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has recognised

provisionally, and until further notice, Baron von Soden as in charge of His Imperial Russian Majesty's Consulate at this port, vice Mr John Heard resigned. The Baron has also been recognised as Acting Consul for His Imperial German Majesty during the absence of Mr J. F. Oordes.



Taken at *Mauri Fishpond* & *Oa's*, *Franklin*,  
*Queen's Road*,  
*Hongkong*, *Jan. 29, 1897*.  
 BAROMETRIC—8 A.M. ... 30.234  
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.248  
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.160  
 THERMOMETER—8 A.M. ... 84°  
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 89°  
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 88°  
 Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 82°  
 Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 85°  
 Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 87°  
 Do. Maximum ... 70°  
 Do. Minimum ... 67°



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**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.**  
 AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.  
 Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.  
**JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,**  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, on Oils in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels, and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to £1000 on a Single Life. For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals on any other information, apply to **ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
 Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
 Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
 Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)**  
**NOTICE.**

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.  
**OLYPHANT & Co.,**  
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 Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.  
**NORTON & Co.,**  
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 Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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 CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

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**GILMAN & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—  
 Marine Department.  
 Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
 Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.  
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, July 25, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## Mails.



**STEAM FOR**  
 Singapore, Penang, Point de Gallo, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;  
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship **KHIVA**, Captain LEE, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at Noon.  
 For further Particulars, apply to  
**A. MOIVER, Superintendent.**  
 Hongkong, January 22, 1877. fcl

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.**

**TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.**

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.  
**G. B. EMORY, Agent.**  
 Hongkong, January 2, 1877. fcl

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer **CITY OF PEKING**, will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.  
**G. B. EMORY, Agent.**  
 Hongkong, January 15, 1877. fcl

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 Circular, large sheet.  
**THE AMENDED HONG LIST** in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.  
 Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.  
 At the "China Mail" Office.

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 Apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**  
 Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

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 Rich Black Glacé and Grosgrain SILKS, from the Best French Makers.  
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 Japanese SILKS, Better and Cheaper than ever.  
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 Newest Styles, direct from Paris.

Untrimmed Felt and Straw HATS.  
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 Ladies' Linen and Lace COLLARS and CUFFS.  
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Infants' ROBES, CLOAKS and PE-LISSES.  
 Infants' HOODS, HATS and BONNETS.  
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 Fancy Flannel Dressing GOWNS and Morning WRAPPERS.  
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**D. C. PRESGRAVE,**  
 Municipal Secretary.  
 Penang,  
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 The 21st September, 1876.

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Butcher Meat.			Highland, Lowest, Cask.	Cash.
Bacon, English, . . .	lb.	450	400	
" Ame. Sugar cured, . .		500	250	
" Foochow, . . .		180	140	
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, .	cy.	180	150	
Beef Corned, . . .	catty	150	140	
" Roast, . . .		150	140	
" Soup, . . .		90	80	
" Steak, . . .		150	140	
Bullocks' Brains, . . .	per set	60	50	
" Tongue, fresh, each		275	250	
" " corned, . . .		320	300	
" Head, . . .		600	550	
" Heart, . . .		150	140	
" Feet, . . .		50	40	
" Kidneys, . . .		60	50	
" Tail, . . .		100	80	
" Liver, . . .	catty	80	70	
" Tripe (undressed), catty		50	40	
Calves' Head and Feet, set		500	450	
Hams, American, . . .	lb.	300	280	
" Chinese, . . .		180	170	
" English, . . .		360	340	
Mutton Chop, . . .		170	160	
" Leg, . . .		170	160	
" Shoulder, . . .		140	130	
" Liver, . . .		120	110	
Pigs' Chittlings, . . .	catty	60	50	
" Feet, . . .		100	90	
" Fry, . . .		110	100	
" Head, . . .		90	80	
" Heart, . . .	each	60	50	
" Kidneys, . . .		80	70	
" Liver, . . .	lb.	100	90	
" Pork Chop, . . .	catty	100	90	
" Corned, . . .		180	170	
" Leg, . . .		150	140	
" Fat or Lard, . . .		110	100	
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set		340	320	
" Heart, . . .	each	50	40	
" Kidneys, . . .		80	70	
Sucking Pigs, . . .		1750	1600	
Veal, . . .	catty	140	130	
Poultry.				
Capon, . . .	catty	180	170	
Ducks, . . .		110	100	
Deer, Shanghai, . . .	each	\$2.00	\$1.75	
Eggs, Hen, . . .	doz.	100	90	
" Duck, . . .		100	90	
" Salt, . . .		120	110	
Fowls, . . .	catty	160	150	
Geese, . . .		120	110	
Partridges, . . .	each	250	220	
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair		\$2.00		
" Shanghai, dead, . .		600		
Pigeons, . . .	each	140	120	
Quail, . . .		60		
Snipe, . . .	each	110	100	
Rabbits, . . .		600	550	
Teal, . . .		150	140	
Turkeys, Cock, catty		600	550	
" Hen, . . .		450	400	
Wild Duck, . . .	each	350	300	
" Geese, . . .		700		
Woodcock, . . .		500		
Fish.				
Bombay Ducks, new per hundred		350		
Bream, . . .	catty	100		
Carp, . . .		80		
Codfish, Salt, . . .		200		
Crabs, . . .		140		
Cuttle Fish, . . .		90		
Dace, . . .		100		
Eels, Conger, . . .		50		
File Fish, . . .		60		
Fresh Fish, Large, . . .		180		
" Small, . . .		90		
Frogs, . . .		140		
Garoupe, . . .		140		
Haddock, . . .		100		
Herrings, . . .		70		
" smoked, . . .	box	\$1.00		
Live Fish, . . .	catty	150		
Lobsters, . . .		80		
Mackerel, . . .		80		
Oysters, . . .		180		
Parrot Fish, . . .		140		
Perch, . . .		70		
Pomfret, . . .		100		
Prawns, . . .		100		
Ray, . . .		100		
Roach, . . .		140		
Rock Fish, . . .		140		
Salmon, Canton, . . .		100		
" Saltwater, . . .		140		
" Pickled, . . .	tin	300		
Salt Fish, . . .	catty	120		
Shark, young, . . .		80		
Shrimps, . . .		80		
Skate, . . .		80		
Snapper, . . .		110		
Sole Fish, . . .		70		
Sole, Fresh, . . .		60		
Tench, . . .		80		
Turbot, . . .		100		
Turtles, Small, . . .		320		
Vegetables.				
Asparagus, . . .	kin	450		
Bamboo Shoots, . . .	catty	100		
Beans, sprout, . . .		14		
" Broad, . . .		40		
" French from Macao, . .		50		
Beet Root, . . .	each	12		
Brassica, . . .	catty	12		
Cabbage, White Canton, . .		12		
" Common, . . .		8		
" Hongkong, each		70		
" Mats, . . .		70		
" Turnip, Bok, each		12		